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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is in response to claims received on 4/9/07.

#### ***Election/Restrictions***

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-14,16,17,19,20,22-24 and 36-40, drawn to a delivery device for delivering an implant to an anatomical site in a body of a patient, classified in class 606, subclass 232.
- II. Claims 25-33, drawn to a method of delivering an implant to an anatomical site in a body of a patient, classified in class 606, subclass 232.

Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h). In the instant case invention I can be used differently than described in invention II.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on (571)-272-4696. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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